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This paper is filed in reply to the requirement for restriction/election mailed by the USPTO on November 13, 2007, in which the Examiner provided a one month or thirty (30) day statutory period for reply, whichever is longer. This paper is also filed along with a petition for extension of time for four (4) months, and authorization for the USPTO to deduct the appropriate fee for this petition from the applicant/assignee's USPTO Deposit Account No. 13-4125, in the name of Monsanto Technology LLC. Since the applicant is provided with a period of time for reply, including with extensions, which do not exceed six (6) months from the date the action is mailed by the USPTO, and the total time taken by the applicant for reply in this case is less than five months, it is believed that this paper is timely filed.